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SUBJ: CASP - PRE- IG REVIEW

1. THE PRE- IG ON THE URUGUAYAN FY 74 - FY 75 CASP ON MAY
21 AGREED THAT THE CASP WAS WELL THOUGHT OUT, WELL- WRITTEN,
AND A BASICALLY SOUND DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, SOME DOUBT WAS
EXPRESSED ABOUT THE LABELLING OF URUGUAY AS A " MODEL" AND
THE CONCEPT THAT " URUGUAY COULD BECOME A NEGATIVE IMAGE
HARMFUL TO OUR HEMISPHERIC INTERESTS" (SEE OVERVIEW STATE-
MENT). THERE WAS ALSO CONCERN EXPRESSED REGARDING AN IM-
PLIED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE U. S. TO SUPPORT URUGUAY' S
STATUS AS A BUFFER BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, (E. G., SEE
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COURSE OF ACTION A-2, 2-2 UNDER OPEN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION), AND DOUBT THAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR DIRECT INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE URUGUAY TO RELY ON THE USG TO PLAY SUCH A ROLE. SINCE THESE POINTS MAY BE DISCUSSED AT THE IG MEETING, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE ANY COMMENTS THE EMBASSY WISHES TO SUBMIT.

2. THE PRE- IG DISCUSSED AND ACCEPTED THE IDEA THAT THE MILITARY DO NOT HAVE NOTEWORTHY CAPABILITY, OR DEPTH OF SKILLED PERSONNEL IN GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS BUT AGREED THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR THE CASP VIEW THAT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIAL REFORM IS NOW AVAILABLE IF THE URUGUAYANS HAVE THE WILL TO SEIZE IT. THE PRE- IG CONCURRED IN THE WAIT- AND- SEE ATTITUDE OF THE CASP, GIVEN THAT THE

PERFORMANCE OF THE PAST YEAR DOES NOT INSPIRE CONFIDENCE THAT PROGRESS WILL BE ACHIEVED. DUE NOTE WAS MADE OF THE DEBILITATING POLITICS- AS- USUAL OF THE FEBRUARY- MAY PERIOD CULMINATING IN THE MILITARY- CONGRESSIONAL CONFRONTATION OVER SENATOR ERRO.

3. THE PRE- IG SUPPORTED THE CASP PROPOSAL OF AN INTENSIVE REVIEW AND EXAMINATION BY APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON AGENCIES OF REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON THE COUNTRY TEAM, AND WILL SO RECOMMEND TO THE IG.

4. THE PRE- IG CONCLUDED THAT THE " HIGH" LEVELS OF CONCERN ASSIGNED TO THE U. S. NATIONAL DEFENSE AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS SHOULD BE CHANGED TO " MEDIUM" AND THAT THE " MEDIUM" LEVEL OF CONCERN ASSIGNED TO DISPOSITION OF URUGUAYANS SHOULD BE CHANGED TO " LOW". THE PRE- IG NOTED THAT THE CHALLENGES LIKELY TO ARISE IN THE CASP TIME FRAME RELATING TO THESE INTERESTS DID NOT SUPPORT THE HIGHER LEVELS OF CONCERN.

5. MILITARY ASSISTANCE: THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN ASKING THE EMBASSY TO REVIEW THE NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION AND THE AMOUNTS PROJECTED FOR MILITARY MATERIEL ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY TO COMPARE FOR CONSISTENCY. THE REFERENCE IN THE NARRATIVE (PAGE 8) TO A DECLINING INTERNAL SECURITY THREAT CONTRASTS WITH SUBSEQUENT COURSES OF
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ACTION (PAGES 23-24) INDICATING AN EXPANDING MAP MATERIEL PROGRAM DURING CASP TIMEFRAME. WHILE THE PRE- IG NOTED THE REFERENCE TO A NEED TO REPLENISH DEPLETED STOCKS (ALSO PAGE 8), WE WOULD WELCOME A FULLER EXPLANATION OF WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THAT PLANNED EXPENDITURE INCREASE. THERE IS A WORLD WIDE DECLINE IN MAP LEVELS. WE RECALL A SIMILAR REVIEW LAST YEAR SUMMARIZED IN STATE 073349 OF 27

APR 72 AND MVD 1042 OF MAY 3, 1972, AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S THOUGHTS IN A SIMILAR VEIN. IN THIS REGARD, WE NOTE THIS CONTRAST BETWEEN LAST YEAR'S REFERENCE TO A CONTINUING HIGH INTERNAL SECURITY THREAT AND THIS YEAR'S CASP REFERENCE TO A DECLINING INTERNAL SECURITY THREAT. AS AN ASIDE, THERE HAS BEEN A FORECAST FOR THE OVERHAUL OF TWO DESTROYER ESCORTS IN THE UNITED STATES. IS THIS ITEM NOW REALISTIC AND RELATED TO TWO D. E.'S IN PRESENT INVENTORY, OR DOES THE APPARENT ABANDONMENT OF THE INTEREST IN THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL DE'S RENDER IT UNNEEDED. IS THERE CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE PURCHASE OF TWO T-37'S WITH ALL THE ATTENDANT COSTS IMPLIED WITH THE HOPED- FOR FOCUS OF THE COSENA ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS RATHER THAN UNNECESSARY ITEMS OF PRESTIGE MILITARY HARDWARE?

6. PEACE CORPS: THE SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL (TABLE 2), PROJECTS AN INCREASE OF FROM TWO TO FIFTEEN PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS. THE CASP INDICATES ONLY THAT THESE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS (COA B-2, 2-3 UNDER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT). WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS CONTEMPLATED, AS WELL AS YOUR COMMENTS ON HOW THESE PROGRAMS RELATE TO OUR OBJECTIVES IN URUGUAY.

7. PL 480: CURRENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT PL 480 TITLE I WHEAT WILL BE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN FY 74, ALTHOUGH SOME EDIBLE OIL M
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